

Menomonie Urban Forestry Board Minutes

September 16, 2020 – 2:00pm – City Hall Conference Room 1st Floor

Committee Members Present:

Cindy Gilberts (2 hrs.)

Joe Jax (Chair) (2.5 hrs.)

Dennis Kropp (8 hrs.)

Mike Schendel (2 hrs.)

Nancy Schofield (2 hrs.)

Mike Smith (1 hr.)

Others present: Judy Zimmerman, Dick Henning, Randy Eide, and Tammy Eckert

The Zoom meeting was called to order by Joe Jax, Chair. Roll call was taken by passing around a sign-up sheet to those appearing in person with the recording of the volunteer hours. Minutes of the August 19, 2020 meeting were reviewed.

Acceptance of Minutes: Nancy Schofield made motion to move Dennis Kropp from the guest list to the Committee Member list, Mike Smith seconded. Motion carried. Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Public Comments: - None at this time.

Tree Replacement at 3rd & Main: -Tree replacement will be a Gingko from Bobolinks.

Ash Tree Treatment Plans: - According to Dick Henning, approximately 40-50% of the Ash trees may be viable for treatment with a certified pesticide. Injections can take place in the Fall and the Spring. 70 trees per year, depending on manpower, time and weather. Motion made by Nancy Schofield to authorize purchase of certified pesticide to treat Ash trees. Cindy Gilberts seconds motion. Motion carried.

2021 Urban Forestry Board Budget: Budget has been \$14,000.00 for several years. Until the Urban Forestry Board finds that Ash trees are falling down and causing a safety hazard, Administration recommends keeping the budget at \$14,000.00. Motion was made by Dennis Kropp to keep the 2021 budget the same as 2020 and it was seconded by Mike Schendel. Motion passed.

Items for next meeting agenda:

- Senior Center Tree Planting – Report Back – Arbor Day?
- Ash Tree Treatment vs Replacement and numbers.
- Cork tree ordinance.
- Map for Dennis – tree drops on the Lake.
- Budget Timeline Review

Urban Forester Report :

Pruning Update: The overlook has been cleaned out, you can now see the water. Possibly more cleaning to provide better sunshine for flowers. About 4 hours work needed.

Senior Center Tree Planting: Dick Henning to choose 2 (two) locations and find out level of interest at Senior Living Facilities.

Cedarama Park Tree Pruning Overlook: Undesirable trees and invasive species were removed.

City Council Report: Mask Ordinance - Special Meeting to be held September 17, 2020 to determine the status of City mask ordinance. The plan is to mirror what that the State has in place. The next regular City Council Meeting is set for Monday, September 21, 2020 at 5:30pm.

Nicholas Drive Extension – Houses will be placed on the west side this year.

Estover Terrace Development - 156 living units. Developer won't start construction until Spring of 2021.

Reopened for Public Comments: Judy Zimmerman asked why we wouldn't plant a native tree compared to the Gingko at 3rd and Main Street. Dick Henning explained that the Gingko tree is a tougher tree.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at the City Hall Conference Room 2:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Nancy Schofield to adjourn and Dennis Kropp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes taken and submitted by: Tammy Eckert